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1. In September 1950 the Gigant section of the Skoda Works in Doudlevice began production of steel bridges, mobile cranes, turbogenerators and transformers. The plant employs about 1,500 employees and works on a three-shift schedule. The building of Gigant is of reinforced concrete with skylights built into the corrugated iron roof. It is separated from the main part of the Doudlevice plant by the Pilsen-Zelezna Ruda railroad line, but is to be connected to it in the near future by a tunnel.
2. The plant is divided into five production departments: the lathe department, copper smithy, turbogenerator production department, bridge section department, and a fifth section which is not yet in production. The main production of the plant is of bridges, the majority of which are exported to the USSR. To the present time, the mobile cranes produced in this section are for the use of the Skoda Works only. The lathe department finished turbogenerator rotors and stators from forgings supplied by the main plant while the copper smithy produces coils and other parts. The coils are delivered to the main plant where they are insulated and where the turbogenerators are assembled.
3. The lathe department is equipped with four Volman lathes with a maximum length of 2.6 m, two large lathes with a maximum length of 8 m, a German lathe with a maximum length of 6 m, four horizontal milling machines, three planers, two shapers and one slotting machine. The copper smithy is equipped with lathes with large round faceplates for winding copper bands (medene pasy) onto the coils. Sufficient supplies of copper and other non-ferrous metals are available for the continued production of the plant.

Attachment: Sketch of the Gigant section of the Soda plant in Doudlevec.

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